

ward of the West ; he sailed on the 12th, and on the 14th, the Tide of Flood forced him close to the East Shore ; which is a Proof that the Tide flowed there from the Westward.

This West Coast from *Marble-Island* to *Whalebone Point*, was never looked into by Captain *Middleton* in his Voyage from *Churchill* ; when he got near *Cape Fullerton* in about 64° . He fell in with shattered Ice, near the Coast, and drove to Eastward, until he got in with the East Coast, seeing no Land on the West Coast, until he came near *Cape Dobbs* in $65^{\circ}.10'$. which Cape was to North East of *Whalebone Point* ; and seeing an Opening North West of it, he sailed into it, only with a View of sheltering his Ships, until the Ice was dissolved ; intending again to sail North Eastward ; not once designing to look into any Place for a Passage to the Westward ; when he got into this Strait, which he said was a fresh Water River, though from six or seven Miles wide at Entrance, and fourteen Fathoms Depth, in which was a great deal of Ice, forced in by the Easterly Winds, he found it increase after he had gone twelve or fourteen Leagues into it, North Westward, to ten or twelve Leagues wide, and at least seventy Fathoms deep ; having no Ground with a Line of sixty-eight Fathom, where it was entirely free from Ice, and Salt Water, and many black Whales were seen at that Height within it, and yet none seen below or without the Strait, the Water continuing Salt even thirty Leagues up the Strait ; and a large open Channel at least five or six Leagues wide, as far as could be seen to South-westward
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